

About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

EVERYBODY'S doing it, don't you? Producing plays. The latest to join the ranks of the Broadway producers is Joseph Hart, who has devoted his time heretofore to the work of staging acts for vaudeville. Mr. Hart announces he will put on a three-act comedy entitled "Boys Will Be Boys," founded on a magazine story of the same name by Irvin Cobb. Charles O'Brien Kennedy has made the stage version. The play is intended for Broadway. It will be produced in the early fall.

THAT BILL STORY.
That Bill Raymond Bill pointwise is bothering others besides our-
self. A card from J. H. S. reads:
"Dear Sir: Don't you think the reason for the club rooms having at least five members in was on account of some of the wise ones having laid in a supply of 'hard stuff,' with the result that the other members were enjoying their hospitality?"
Possibly that's what Mr. Bill means, but the chances are he won't come out and admit it.

NUTT ADMITS AN ERROR.
It isn't often that our special correspondent, Jeff Nutt, makes a mistake in his stuff, but he did yesterday. The following wire is self-explanatory:

"Dear Dud: When a fellow arrives in Washington with the country's Government flying all around him, he is apt to get mixed up and make an occasional mistake. The other day I reported to you that this Shantung strap was about a piece of ground covered with water. I was wrong, it seems. Shantung is a Chinaman who wants to revise the peace treaty to get the laundry privileges in Germany. China, Italy was against this from the start. I understand, because (Italy) is full of washerwomen who have been edged out of their jobs by the war. Japan doesn't want China to get its washboard into Germany, because it might mean there would be less Japanese were tubs used, since the Chinaman prefers to wash in tubs made of chopstick wood. Japan is making fun of Shantung, saying he never rubbed a palama in his life. Haven't had a chance to interview Senator Borah about it yet, but here's a straight tip—he uses a Chinese laundry here. If you use it, better head it. "Nutt Laurns Source of Senator's Cleanliness." I and the rest are going up the Washington Monument to-morrow. The girl says when we get up there we'll be out of town. Put it in the joke department and give her credit. She's a cute little trick, but her mother is already writing me for money.—JEFF."

OUR OWN POPULAR SONGS.
Acroplane Anna could play the piano, but that didn't suit her at all. Her mother, a soldier, would never consider her flying, for fear she would fall. One day Anna met up with Archibald Wetup, who flew in the navy, they say. She told him she'd used him, and straightaway she led him to Roosevelt Field, down the bay. He said he knew little of flying, but Anna declared he was lying.

CHORUS.
"I want to go up in an acroplane, across the main, some fun to gain. I want to fly high where the birds are at, and do

what the Red bunch done. I'm willing to wed you on Sunday morn, your home adorn, but you'll scorn if you don't get busy and tune your sky Lizzie, you half-witted son-o-a-gun."

A THOUGHTFUL BOY.
Fanny Fuller, wife of Mart Fuller Golden of the Winter Garden, writes us to tell a story. Here it is:
"The negroes in a small town in Texas were all great admirers of the work of the late Joseph Jefferson in 'Rip.' The play and his acting suited them exactly. One night Mr. Jefferson received a fine floral piece every the footlights. A card on it indicated that it had been sent him by a negro bellboy in the hotel. Next day the actor patted the lad on the head and said:
"You're a good boy, Jerry. The flowers were beautiful, but you shouldn't have spent your money on flowers for me."
"Ruh," replied the boy. "Ah nevaah buyed dem flowers. Mistah Jefferson. Ah done gotten dem out'n de graveyard."

GOSSIP.
Walter Baldwin Jr. has been engaged to stage "Tin Pajamas." Matt Moore will act opposite Elsie Janis in her first Seisnick film. Ed Dawson, comedian and song writer, will join "Scandals of 1919" next week.
Ed Rosenbaum sr. is out after several weeks of illness which confined him to his bed.
Joseph L. Plunkett, retiring managing director of the Strand, is sporting a new watch the boys gave him.
Mr. and Mrs. Coburn have begun selecting a cast for "All the Kings' Horses," which they will produce in October.
Augustus Minton is now playing the role of Major Pittington in "The Shubert Galettes" at the 44th Street Theatre.
F. Ray Comstock and Morris Geat will open their new comedy, "Adam and Eva," at the Longacre Theatre Aug. 18.
The title of the Chinese musical play which F. Ray Comstock and Morris Geat will produce has been changed from "The Rose of Cathay" to "The Flower of Cathay."

ALL MITCH WANTED.
Otto Harbach tells this one. Mitch Boggs, a shrewd old fellow living in Pippville, got drunk one night through the generosity of the bartender in the town's one saloon. When he reached home, Tiny, his tall, new-bonded, stern wife, gave him a tongue lashing that made him wince. He managed to get to bed, and next morning she repented having stormed so at him.
"Is there anything you want, Mitch?" she asked.
Mitch groaned and replied in a pitiful tone: "Yes, Tiny. I'd admire to have a few kind words, and an eraser."

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.
Grandpa Ebbetts grained his back running through Main Street yesterday. It seems a lopsided was after him.—Wellsville Bazar.

FOOLISHMENT.
(By Milton Baisan.)
In the loudest tone ever invented, The teacher an answer resented.
He hollered with might: "You dubs were named right, As students you're gloomed and you're dented."

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.
"He looks off well."
"Well, look out! He'll rub your business into the ground."

LITTLE MARY MIXUP



She's Going to Let Them Get Ripe!

JOE'S CAR



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THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY



Maybe It's Mrs. Goofus Who Should Complain!

THE OLD FAMILY SKELETON



Father's Sympathy Was the Free Kind!

The Day's Good Stories

A POOR JOB.
A CONGRESSMAN said in an interview in Chicago headquarters:

"When you ask me, boys, how I feel about the peace conference's work in Paris, I have to reply that I feel like the barber."

"This barber was visited by an old agriculturist who wanted a hair cut. The barber looked at the old man's hair in astonishment. It covered his head in ragged lumps.

"Uncle," he said, "for goodness sake, who cut your hair last?"

"Wife did," said the farmer.

"The barber studied the job, again."

"What did she do to it with?" he said.

"A knife and fork?"—Washington Star.

THAT'S RIGHT, KEEP OUT OF IT.
"I SAW you at the moving picture show last evening," said the fat plumber, "but when I looked for you a little later I missed you."

"Yes, I got up and went home."

"When was that?"

"I left when the villain began to lay a snare for the wife of the man who had to stay at his office on account of business."

"Didn't you see any more of the picture?"

"No."

"And you left at the most interesting part?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"I knew if things kept on as they were headed there would be a fine pretty soon between the two men, or between the man and his wife, and I made up my mind I wouldn't be mixed up in anybody's domestic trouble."

—Youngtown Telegram.

HE COULD BE.
AT the head of a large business concern in Muncie is a very pious man, who not only is very careful of his dignity, but inclined to irritability if things do not go exactly right with him. Wishing to attend to some correspondence and having been troubled much of the day by visitors, he placed a note on the outside of his private office door the other day which read: "Mr. Blank can be disturbed."

A collector soon afterward appeared at the door of the private office, walked past the secretary, read the note and strode in, but soon came out the door much more rapidly than he had entered.

"Didn't you read the note?" the secretary asked of the disheveled collector.

"I read it," the latter admitted, "but I didn't believe it and went in to find out. I discovered that I was right for he can be and was."—Indianapolis News.

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